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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mr. Little:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation earlier today, following is a copy of the Second Preliminary Amendment previously filed by facsimile transmission for the above-referenced patent application. Included with this facsimile are copies of the two cover pages as verification of the earlier transmissions filed on 02/07/2002 and again on 02/20/2002.

Both transmissions were sent to the attention of Examiner Roy K. Potter, Group Art Unit 2822. Examiner Potter was the Examiner in the parent case. The apparatus claims submitted in this Second Preliminary Amendment are within the realm of this same Group Art Unit 2822.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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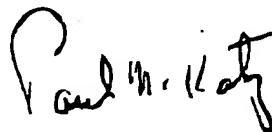
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Examiner Potter:

Per our telephone conversation this morning, following is a copy of the Second Preliminary Amendment for the above-referenced patent application as it was filed via facsimile on February 7, 2002. Also included is a courtesy copy of our facsimile receipt verifying its transmission on that date.

I appreciate your help with this application. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.



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